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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKESHI SAITO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: TODD, G. G.
SERIAL NO: 09/404,547 :
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FOR: RELAY DEVICE AND :
COMMUNICATION DEVICE REALIZING
CONTENTS PROTECTION PROCEDURE
OVER NETWORKS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 4, 2004, favorable reconsideration of the present application, in view of the following comments, is respectfully requested.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Initially, applicants note that the form PTO-1449 returned with the outstanding Office Action did not initial reference "AY" to Yokokaya as acknowledging consideration of that reference. Applicants request confirmation of consideration of that reference. Applicants also point out that on February 12, 2004, a Statement of Relevancy was filed setting forth the relevance of that reference. Thus, it is believed to be proper to consider that reference, and applicants request confirmation of consideration of that reference by providing a new returned form PTO-1449 with reference AY also initialed.